GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CRITERIA FOR TESTING OF FOOD PRODUCTS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to prescribe any criteria for testing the food products produced with bio-fertilizers, bio-insecticides and bio-methods;

(b) if so, the time by which these criteria are likely to be notified;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up laboratories for testing the food products produced with bio-methods; and

(d) if so, the time by which these laboratories would start functioning?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. A National Project on Organic Farming is proposed to be formulated during Xth Plan, which includes setting up of a National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB), whose functions will include interalia the formulation of standards for the process certification of organic agriculture. It also envisages the setting up of Organic laboratories for the purpose.